

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 16, and 22 are amended, and claims 35-52 are added; as a result, claims 1-52 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 10, 16, and 22 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 10, 16, and 22 have been amended to remove the acronym SRAM as suggested by the Examiner.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jeng (U.S. Patent No. 6,080,620).

Claim 1 is amended to include elements similar to the elements of claim 5. Since claim 5 is allowable, claim 1 as amended is also allowable. Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claim 1 and their dependent claims 3-4 and 7-9 be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 6, and 10 are rewritten. Thus, these claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 11-15, 17-21, and 23-34.

Claims 16 and 22 have been amended to overcome the objection, thus Applicant requests allowance of these claims.

New claims

Claims 35-52 are new claims. These new claims depend from the allowable claims. The new claims are the same as the original claims 2-4, and 7-9. Thus, no new matter is introduced.

New claims 35-40 depend from the allowable claim 5 and are the same as the original claims 2-4 and 7-9. New claims 41-46 depend from the allowable claim 6 and are also the same as the original claims 2-4 and 7-9. New claims 47-52 depend from the allowable claim 10 and are also the same as the original claims 2-4 and 7-9.

Since the new claims 35-52 depend from the allowable claims 5, 6, and 10 and are the same as the original claims 2-4, and 7-9, the new claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant requests that the new claims be considered and allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743


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